

## SIX VIRGINIA LEAGUE TEAMS READY FOR SEASON'S OPENING TO-DAY

## RICHMOND'S 1907 BASEBALL TEAM

PLAYERS PRIMED  
FOR FIRST GAME

Manager Shaffer's Charges Will  
Oppose Danville To-Day in  
Tip Top Shape.

## UMPIRE TRUBEY ARRIVES

Rube Howard's Selection by Mc-  
Kevitt a Compliment to  
Cassidy's Powers.

The day of days has at last arrived.  
To-day at 4 o'clock Umpires Trube, Stanton and Lally will sing out, "Play ball!" in Richmond, Lynchburg and Norfolk, respectively, and a moment later the 1907 season of the Virginia State Baseball League will be under way for what promises to be the best year in the existence of the organization.

There has been no hitch in the plans for the parade, which will start from Allen's Hotel at 2 o'clock, and wend its way through the principal streets to the grounds.

Richmond will start the season under the most favorable of auspices. Not one man of those who have been retained by Manager Shaffer but who is in the pink of condition, with the possible exception of old Colonel Still, whose arm is yet a little weak, but who should round in time for some of the games next week. Cassidy appears to be in great shape for to-day's battle, and says that he is ready to pitch the game of his life.

It will be necessary for him to go his limit, for Pop McKevitt has selected no other man to do the honors for his aggregation than Rube Howard, who is thought by many to be the best box artist the league has this year. However, it is Cassidy who has been selected, and he is not working the hardest behind him should give the Danvilleites the fight of their lives.

Umpire Trube, who will officiate in to-day's game, as was published in these columns yesterday, reached here last night from Ironton, Pa., where he has been wintering. He states that he is ready to handle the indicator in his best possible style. Trube is an old one at the business, having umpired in a number of Northern leagues for several years since he was forced to quit the game by getting his leg broken a number of years back when playing in the big leagues. That Trube should prove one of the best that the State League has had is but a statement of fact. He has seen fast company for a long time, being at one time a member of the Chicago Nationals, and holding a regular berth on that team for several seasons as second-baseman.

The Danville crowd got in about 9:30 and went direct to Allen's, where they will put up for the series. Following is a list of men whom Manager McKevitt brought with him and their probable positions and batting order:

Reese, ss.  
Doyle, 2b.  
Hessler, 3b.  
McKevitt, cf.  
Bowen, lb.  
Powell, if.  
O'Connor or Edwards, c.  
Howard, pitcher.  
Hicks, utility.  
Sterzer, McDonald, Ham and Rickards, The Lawmakers' line-up:  
Titman, rf.  
Reese, ss.  
Hefron, lf.  
Wallace, cf.  
Kirkpatrick, 3b.  
O'Neil, 2b.  
Shaffer, lb.  
Hinton, c.  
Cowan, c.  
Cassidy, p.

Mr. Rube Gwynn, part owner of the Danville franchise, who is in town with his team, says that he has a squad that will give all the other clubs a run for the pennant. "Rube" Howard, he thinks, will be the star pitcher of the whole league, and he is expected to give proof of his powers in the game of to-day. The team has some notable hitters in its make-up, chief among them being Henn, whom Mr. Gwynn says was the chicken who batted so many fouts in Richmond last year. In one of the games played here Henn was four times up and got four hits, making a perfect percentage.

Ham and Rickards, pitchers, were left in Danville. The aggregation has not yet been sifted down to its final make-up, and the Danville owners will give them a week or more longer for the try-out. Howard, who pitched a game for the Danville team last season against the Savannah bunch, says that next to Danville he would rather play in Richmond than anywhere else. All the Danville men have a strong liking for the Capital City, and are glad to be here at the opening of the season. Fans in Danville are talking of making up a carload to bring to Richmond for the Saturday game.

Mr. Gwynn says that he is eminently satisfied with the outlook for his team, and he thinks the indications are that the baseball season this year will be the best ever had in the State. All the Dan-



Top Row (left to right)—Titman, right-field; Still, pitcher; Long, pitcher; Hefron, left-field; Salve, pitcher.  
Middle Row—Cowan, catcher; Reese, shortstop; Wallace, center-field; Manager Shaffer, first-base; Kirkpatrick, third-base; O'Neil, second-base.  
Bottom Row—Hinton, catcher; Derby, pitcher; Cassidy, pitcher; Eckstone, pitcher.

PENDER CLAIMING  
OPENING CONTEST

Manager of Mary Jane Makes Big  
Boast—Leader Moss Says  
but Little.

NORFOLK, Va., April 17.—If there is aught but good to be said about the condition of the Norfolk Tercentennials and the Portsmouth Truckers, who open the State League baseball season on the Norfolk diamond to-morrow, it has not yet been said, at least by the managers of the teams. One manager will likely have to make explanations after the game has been played.

Manager Pender, of the locals, and Moss, of the Truckers, have been putting their teams through the weeding-out process during the last days, and each of them now claims to have a team without weak points in it. Good men have been selected to get the teams down to the present personnel. Interest in the game here and in Portsmouth is warm.

LYNCHBURG READY  
FOR ROANOKES

Champions Have Had Little Prac-  
tice, but Expect to Give Rivals  
Hard Battle.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, Va., April 17.—Lynchburg is primed for the opening of the championship season of the Virginia League here to-morrow afternoon with the Roanoke team. The team has had little practice, but Manager Grim has invited the initial game woefully in need of practice, but Manager Grim to-night was hopeful that he can get good results, even with this handicap. He will have to experiment for a time and will hold the entire squad of nineteen men for several days, beginning the weeding out process.

Grim decided late this afternoon that the team to-morrow will be the same, excepting the battery, which put up the beautiful game against Baltimore Tuesday. Stewart and Bentley, both old players will play. The rest of the team will be: First, Bowen, second, Betts, third, Goodrich, short, Anthony, left, Hooker, center, and Murphy, right, with Schmetzky and Henninger the battery in reserve.

The players of both teams will parade city with a band prior to the game, and Manager Grim has invited Mayor Smith to take the lid off the race by sending the first ball over the plate. A considerable number of Roanoke rosters are expected to accompany the Highlanders here on the morning of the game, and they will make things lively at the ball grounds.

VIRGINIA WINS  
FROM TRINITY

Susong's Wonderful Pitching and  
Perfect Fielding Give Char-  
lottesville Men Victory.

## GAME WAS WON IN THE FIRST

Trinity Scores One Run in Sec-  
ond, but After That Neither  
Is Able to Tally.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April 17.—In by far the prettiest game of the season, Virginia defeated Trinity to-day by 2 to 1. The initial work of the North Carolinians was better than that of any visiting team seen here this spring. Smith, at short, and Susong, second, performed in great style. Virginia also put on a flawless game. After the second inning, in which Susong was quite wild, the contest developed into a pitcher's battle with honors about even. The fielding was of the gilt-edge order, and not a single base was stolen.

Virginia won the game in the opening session. Honaker and Walker singled, and were advanced on a neat sacrifice by Hoff. The former counted on a fielder's choice, and the latter on Aubrey's high throw to first. Trinity's single run was made in the next inning. Flowers was passed to first, sacrificed to second by Webb and sent home by Lane's hit to left-field. While going after Susong's long fly in the fifth, Bevis and Flowers collided, but the former never relinquished his hold on the ball. Johnson made a spectacular catch of Webb's foul fly in the sixth. One of the largest crowds of the season witnessed the contest, and the rooting was spirited.

In the past five days, Virginia has

defeated some of the strongest teams in the South Atlantic division, the other victories being over Georgetown, North Carolina and George Washington. The score:

Virginia, R. H. O. A. E.  
Honaker, ss., 1 1 0 0 0  
Walker, cf., 1 1 0 0 0  
Hoff, 2b., 0 1 0 0 0  
Dalton, if., 0 0 1 0 0  
Thom, 1b., 0 0 1 0 0  
Flowers, 3b., 0 0 4 3 1  
Chandler, c., 0 0 3 0 0  
Johnson, p., 0 0 6 1 0  
Susong, p., 0 0 6 1 0  
Totals, 2 4 27 14 0

## RECORD OF THE BIG LEAGUES

National League.  
RESULT OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES.  
Cincinnati, 8; St. Louis, 2.  
Boston, 1; New York, 2.  
Philadelphia, 1; Boston, 2.  
Chicago, 6; Pittsburgh, 2.

GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TO-DAY.  
Chicago at Pittsburgh.  
New York at Brooklyn.  
Boston at Philadelphia.  
Cincinnati at St. Louis.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.  
Clubs. Won. Lost. P.C.  
Chicago, 3 0 1.000  
Cincinnati, 3 1 .750  
Boston, 3 1 .750  
New York, 3 1 .750  
Pittsburgh, 2 2 .500  
Philadelphia, 2 2 .500  
St. Louis, 2 2 .500

Cubs Take First.  
PITTSBURGH, April 17.—Chicago won the first game of the season here by getting hits at opportune times and taking advantage of errors by the Pittsburghers.  
Score: R. H. E.  
Pittsburgh, 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 10 4  
Chicago, 2 1 0 0 1 2 0 0 2 6 9 0  
Batteries: Willis and Gibson; Taylor and Moran. Time, 1:50. Umpire, O'Day.

Cardinals Lose on Errors.  
CINCINNATI, April 17.—Errors of the St. Louis team were largely responsible for the victory of the local team this afternoon.  
Score: R. H. E.  
Cincinnati, 3 1 0 2 2 0 0 9 7 4  
St. Louis, 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 3 11 8  
Batteries: Ewing and Schell; Brown and Marshall. Time, 2:10. Umpires, Johnstone and Carpenter.

Glantz in Ten Innings.  
BROOKLYN, April 17.—In a hard-fought ten-inning game to-day, New York again defeated Brooklyn 2 to 1. Flowers was passed to first, sacrificed to second by Webb and sent home by Lane's hit to left-field. While going after Susong's long fly in the fifth, Bevis and Flowers collided, but the former never relinquished his hold on the ball. Johnson made a spectacular catch of Webb's foul fly in the sixth. One of the largest crowds of the season witnessed the contest, and the rooting was spirited.

Philadelphia Falls, Phillies.  
PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—Inability to hit Lindann's delivery caused the defeat of the Philadelphia team to-day.  
Score: R. H. E.  
Boston, 3 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 2 10 2  
Phila., 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 9  
Batteries: Lindann and Brown; Lush and Doan. Time, 1:50. Umpires, Klem and Emslie.

played on the Hermitage grounds, but at 3 o'clock. The Acquiton team has had a very little practice, owing to the bad weather, but it expects to give Hermitage a hard fight. Hagley will be in the firing pit for King William, and Dr. Croxton will carry the "big" glove.

E. & H. Defeats M. A.  
Emery and Henry defeated Hoge Military Academy yesterday on the latter's grounds by 9 to 6.

The feature was the heavy hitting of Richardson, who scored a home run, a double, a single and a sacrifice. Richardson, Emery and Henry—Locke and Spratt; Academy—Lewis, Oakes and Ebbles.

Emery and Henry will play Hodge-Macon at Ashland to-day.

Following is the line up of Emery and Henry for to-day's game: Spratt, catcher; Oakes, shortstop; Richardson, third-base; Dalton, right-field; Waterhouse, center-field; Darwin, second-base; Bruce, pitcher; Clark, first-base; Locke, pitcher; substitute, Buck.

American League.  
RESULT OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES.  
Boston, 2; Washington, 1.  
New York, 5; Philadelphia, 4.  
St. Louis, 2; Cleveland, 5.  
Detroit, 1; Chicago, 4.

GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TO-DAY.  
St. Louis at Chicago.  
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Washington at Boston.

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Chicago, 3 1 .750  
Boston, 2 2 .500  
Washington, 2 2 .500  
St. Louis, 2 2 .500

Cleveland Bunches Hits.  
ST. LOUIS, April 17.—Cleveland defeated St. Louis this afternoon 5 to 2. Cleveland bunched hits in the first and ninth innings.  
Score by innings: R. H. E.  
Cleveland, 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 7 2  
St. Louis, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 7 1  
Batteries: Joss and Clark; Howell and Stevens. Time, 1:50. Umpire, O'Loughlin.

Glantz Wins in Fourth.  
DETROIT, MICH., April 17.—Chicago bunched three hits and a base on balls on Kilian in the fourth, scoring three runs and deciding the result.  
Score by innings: R. H. E.  
Detroit, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 8 1  
Chicago, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 7 1  
Batteries: Kilian and Schmidt; Smith and McFarland. Time, 1:45. Umpires, Sheridan and Stafford.

Three Hits For Nationals.  
WASHINGTON, April 17.—Glantz held down Washington to three hits to-day, and although substituted batsmen made trouble in the ninth, Boston's two runs were enough to win.  
Score by innings: R. H. E.  
Boston, 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 7 1  
Washington, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 3 4  
Batteries: Glantz and Armbruster; Smith and Haydon. Time, 1:36. Umpire, Connolly.

Navy Wins in Ninth.  
NEW YORK, April 17.—In a ninth inning rally to-day the New York Americans defeated the Philadelphia Athletics by 5 to 4.  
Score by innings: R. H. E.  
Philadelphia, 3 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 3 4  
New York, 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 5 9 2  
Batteries: Waddell, Bender and Schreck; Doyle and Kleinsch. Time, 1:57. Umpires, Hurst and Evans.

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JUGGLER CAPTURES  
ROCKAWAY STAKES

Off to a Poor Start, He Closed  
in the Stretch, Winning  
Easily.

## FAVORITE TAKES THE THIRD

Jacobite Leads Until Last Fur-  
long, but Is Jockeyed Out of  
the Place by Slickaway.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Juggler, at 3 to 1, won the Rockaway Stakes, the feature of the card at Aqueduct, to-day. Jacobite, at 9 to 10, was the favorite.

Jacobite took the lead and set the pace to the strength, when Slickaway assumed command. Meanwhile Juggler, who was off poorly, gradually closed in until the end of the furlongs, where he caught Slickaway and in a drive won by two lengths. Summaries:

First race—selling, four and a half furlongs—Rustle (3 to 1 and 6 to 5) first, Evelyn G. (4 to 1 and 8 to 5) second, Trey of Spades (7 to 2 and 8 to 5) third. Time, 54 1-5.

Second race—Steeplechase, about two miles—Hot Shot (3 to 1 and 9 to 5) first, Commodore Fontaine (9 to 20 and out) second, Arabo (1 to 1 and 7 to 10 third. Time, 4:32 2-5.

Third race—six furlongs—Grapple (4 to 5 and 1 to 1) first, Chas. Russell (5 to 1 and even) second. Time, 1:14.

Fourth race—The Rockaway Stakes, selling, six furlongs—Juggler (6 to 1 and 4 to 5) first, Slickaway (10 to 1 and 5 to 2) second, Jacobite (9 to 10 and 2 to 5) third. Time, 1:14 1-5.

Fifth race—five furlongs—Sufrage (2 to 5 and out) first, Handzara (11 to 5 and out) second. Time, 1:50 2-5. (Only two starters.)

Sixth race—four furlongs—Master Robert (8 to 5 and 7 to 10) first, Bridge Whist (5 to 2 and even) second, Senator Beckham (8 to 1 and 3 to 1) third. Time, 1:17.

McFarland Given Decision.  
LANSFORD, Pa., April 17.—Pacite McFarland was given the decision over "Kid" Goodman, of Boston, yesterday evening at the close of the fifteenth round of a fast ring battle. Both men showed cleverness.

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